



**DR. JAMES SHERA**

**EX-MAYOR RUGBY**

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Dr. James Shera, a distinguished individual honoured with many titles including MBE, Hilal-e-Quaid Azam and Sitara-e-Pakistan. Dr. Shera, a stalwart politician, dedicated an unparalleled 40 years of service to his constituents in the council, representing the same ward. A former Mayor of Rugby, he left an indelible mark on the political landscape. His demise in Pakistan leaves a void that will be keenly felt not only by his local community but also by countless. His untiring, selfless services spread over decades for communities in UK & Pakistan, will be remembered with reverence.

### APPG ENGAGES IN COLLABORATIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (NCHR)

In a significant online meeting, the officers of the APPG for Pakistani Minorities convened with Ms. Rabiya Javeri Agha, Chair of the NCHR. The distinguished participants included Lord Alton, Co-chair; Marie Rimmer MP; Dr. Ewelina Ochab, APPG Senior Researcher; Professor Javaid Rehman, APPG Senior Legal Advisor; and Morris Johns, APPG Admin Secretary. The meeting yielded consensus on fostering future cooperation, culminating in the agreement to sign a MoU between the NCHR and the APPG.

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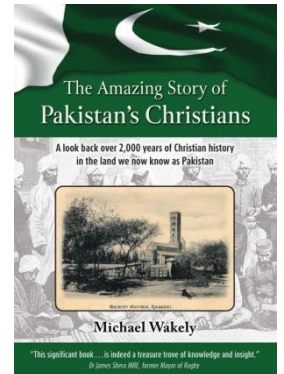


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### CELEBRATING PAKISTAN'S CHRISTIAN HERITAGE- 'THE AMAZING STORY OF PAKISTAN'S CHRISTIANS'

Michael Wakely, a valued friend of the APPG, has authored a compelling book chronicling the 2000-year history of Christianity in Pakistan. This fascinating story, available on Amazon and Christian bookshops, is highly recommended by the APPG for those intrigued by the captivating journey of Pakistan's Christian community.



### APPG RESUMES TRADITION WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN PARLIAMENT



After an interval of three years due to Covid restrictions, the APPG joyously revived its tradition of organizing a Christmas Carols evening on December 12. It was attended by Bishop Andrew, Lord Alton, representatives from human rights organizations and members of the Pakistani Christian diaspora. Mr. John Bosco led the choir in a harmonious rendition of English and Urdu carols.